



What's New in the City

City of Natchitoches

Natchitoches Magnet & Goldonna Winners of KNB Annual Phone Book Recycling Contest

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Keep Natchitoches Beautiful concluded its 2015 Fifth Grade Phone Book Recycling Contest, collecting more than 3000 phone books from area schools to be recycled. Fifth grade students in Natchitoches Parish learned the importance of recycling by participating in the Annual Phone Book Recycling Contest, sponsored by the City of Natchitoches, Keep Natchitoches Beautiful, Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, and CP-Tel.

As part of America Recycles Day activities, parish fifth graders were asked to collect as many phone books as possible from mid-October through November 15, 2015. The final tally for all phone books collected for recycling was 3,303.

Winners were announced for the city school and parish school that collected the most phone books. The winners were Natchitoches Magnet School for the city and Goldonna Elementary for the parish. The winning schools received a pizza party, recycled school supplies, and a check for \$150 to continue recycling efforts and

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Did you know?

- Christmas lights will remain on every night in downtown Natchitoches through January 6.
- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day, and on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- The Natchitoches Young Professionals will host the first ever NYP Wine & Dine event on the downtown riverbank Saturday, February 20.

Louisiana Creole Heritage Pageant January 9

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Pageant will be held Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center located at 720 Second Street.

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Pageant was established in 1999 by Meschelle Kochinsky to select young ladies to be Louisiana's Ambassador for the Creoles of Louisiana. Creoles have a long rich heritage and these title holders will represent,



LOUISIANA CREOLE
HERITAGE PAGEANT

and be responsible in continuing to share the history of Louisiana's Creoles throughout the state and other places they are invited. The pageant, regardless of name, is open to all girls. They do not have to be of Creole descent.

Division winners in the pageant will be highlighted at community events including the Saint Augustine Historical Society's Annual Grandpare Birthday

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education in the school.

Keep Natchitoches Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep Louisiana Beautiful, is a program under the City of Natchitoches' Main Street Office. Keep Natchitoches Beautiful's mission is to encourage and organize programs that improve the appearance of Natchitoches and its environment; to enlist public support

and encourage involvement in the implementation of beautification programs that focus on changing personal attitudes and behavior concerning waste handling. For more information about the program, please call (318) 352-2746 or like Keep Natchitoches Beautiful on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KeepNatchitochesBeautiful.



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Party at St. Augustine Catholic Church and in the Natchitoches Mardi Gras Parade.

The pageant is sponsored in part by the Saint Augustine Historical Society whose mission is to preserve the History & Heritage of St. Augustine's Parish in the Cane River Community located in Isle Brevelle, LA. The pageant is also sponsored in part by a fund established by the National Grand Family Heritage Foundation to educate the public about Louisiana's French-Creole history and heritage.

Airport Commission Meeting Date Changes January & February

Due to several holidays, the dates of the regular monthly meetings for the Natchitoches Airport Commission have been changed for the months of January and February. The January Airport Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, due to observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 18. In February, the Airport Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16 due to Presidents Day on Monday, February 15.

Regularly scheduled meetings on the third Monday of the month will resume in March. Airport Commission meetings are held at the Natchitoches Regional Airport Terminal Building located at 450 Wallenberg Drive in Natchitoches at 5:00 p.m.

NSU's Office of Electronic and Continuing Education to Offer Classes to Public in January

Northwestern State University's Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer several classes to the general public beginning in January. Class offerings include Driver Education and Cake Decorating.

Driver Education

Northwestern State University's Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer a driver education class starting Monday, January 4 at 4:30 p.m.

The class will be held in South Hall of Northwestern State's Natchitoches campus.

The course will include 30 hours of classroom instruction with a minimum of eight hours of driving. Those who enroll must be at least 14 years and nine months and at least in the eighth grade at the start of class and will receive a certificate upon successful completion. Proof of age must be provided.

For more information or to register, call (318) 357-5682, (800) 376-2422, or go to ece.nsula.edu/non-credit.

Cake Decorating

A beginning cake decorating class will be held at Northwestern State University starting Thursday, January 7.

The non-credit class sponsored by the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will be held on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Culinary Arts building adjacent to the Friedman Student Union through February 25.

This course focuses on the fundamentals of cake decorating. It is designed for the cake decorating shop owner, baker, caterer, chef or enthusiast. The class will stress classic decorating beginning with a thorough understanding of the fundamentals. Students will also be encouraged to express themselves creatively.

The fee for the class is \$99. For more information, go to ece.nsula.edu/non-credit or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.



Save the Date! *Leaders Against Litter* *March 18, 2016*



Keep Natchitoches Beautiful wants all city, parish, business and community leaders to **Save the Date** for Friday, March 18, 2016 for the Third Annual Leaders Against Litter Community Cleanup event. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Volunteer Louisiana, and Keep Natchitoches Beautiful are launching a statewide effort to bring awareness to the litter problem in Louisiana by engaging local and state leaders and community volunteers. Details will follow soon, but for now remember to **Save the Date!**

About Leaders Against Litter

Leaders Against Litter is a statewide Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) event uniting leaders on common ground for a cleaner, more beautiful Louisiana. Community and political leaders throughout the state will join in publicly pledging their support for a litter-free Louisiana. After a morning cleaning their local communities, representatives will meet on the steps of the State Capitol to kick off the Great American Cleanup occurring throughout the state in the months of March, April and May involving thousands of community volunteers.

About Keep Louisiana Beautiful

Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) is a volunteer-based service organization dedicated to a more beautiful and litter-free Louisiana. Through a statewide network of over 39 affiliate organizations, KLB engages over 23,000 volunteers at a value of over \$2.3 million dollars. Volunteers pick up over 670,000 pounds of litter from roadways and waterways. Each year, KLB issues close to a quarter million dollars for programs and activities focusing on environmental education, litter enforcement, cleanups, recycling and strengthening communities. KLB promotes personal, corporate and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. For more information, visit www.keeplouisianabeautiful.org. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

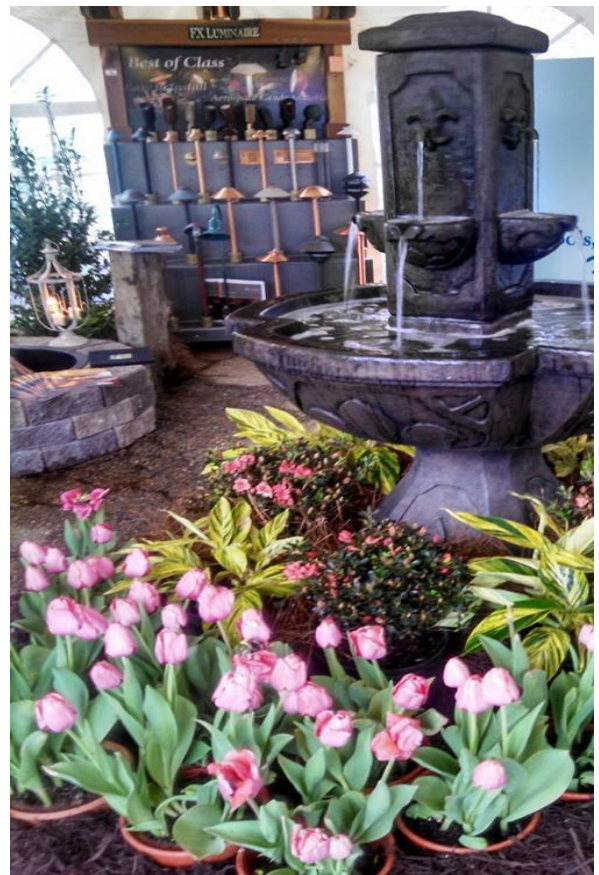
Vendors Sought for 2016 Bloomin' on the Bricks

The City of Natchitoches Main Street Office is seeking vendors for the 2016 Bloomin' on the Bricks spring festival. The 16th Annual Bloomin' on the Bricks, Natchitoches' spring garden festival, will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches' Historic Landmark District.

The event will feature an exhibit area of lawn and garden vendors who will display and sell an assortment of items related to garden and lawn care. Vendors of lawn and garden merchandise such as landscaping, nurseries, lawn furniture, ironwork, yard art, garden décor, etc. are invited to participate in this year's show. Vendor spaces are available for \$50 per each 10x10 space.

Bloomin' on the Bricks, organized by the Natchitoches Main Street Program, is a celebration of spring throughout the City's Historic District. Visitors will be able to see the beauty of springtime in downtown Natchitoches through its hanging flower baskets and thousands of daffodils and tulips planted along the riverbank. The event will also feature live entertainment, children's activities and food booths. Bloomin' on the Bricks is free and open to the public.

For those interested in becoming a vendor at Bloomin' on the Bricks, please contact the City of Natchitoches Main Street Office at (318) 352-2746 for more information.



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2016 Event Preview

There are many great events planned for 2016. Check out the list of highlights below. Be sure to check the Calendar of Events at www.natchitochesla.gov for dates and details!

February:

- Krewe of Dionysos Mardi Gras Parade
- NYP Wine & Dine

March:

- Kasey's Heart & Soul 5K Run
- Bloomin' on the Bricks

April:

- Cane River Full Throttle Motorcycle Rally
- Natchitoches Jazz & R&B Festival

May:

- Cane River Green Market (April - July)
- Dragon Boat Races
- Summer Splash

June:

- Cookin' on the Cane BBQ Festival
- LASHOF Hall of Fame Induction Week-end Celebration

August:

- Back to School Bash

July:

- Celebration on the Cane
- Meat Pie Triathlon
- NSU-Natchitoches Folk Festival

September:

- Cane River Zydeco Festival
- Meat Pie Festival
- Return to the 50s Classic Car Show

October:

- Crows on Cane Scarecrow Festival
- NSU Homecoming Festival
- Witch Way to Main Street

November:

- Turn on the Holidays

December:

- 90th Annual Christmas Festival

Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates



Jan. 1—New Year's Day, City
Offices Closed.

Jan. 4—Natchitoches Historic
District Commission Meeting,
5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches
Arts Center

Jan. 5—Planning & Zoning
Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Nat-
chitoches Arts Center

Jan. 9 — Louisiana Creole Heri-
tage Pageant, 1:00 p.m. at the
Natchitoches Events Center

Jan. 11—City Council Meeting,
5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches
Arts Center



Jan. 18 — Martin Luther King,
Jr. Day, City Offices Closed

Jan. 19—Airport Commission
Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Nat-
chitoches Regional Airport

Jan. 21—Natchitoches Historic
District Development Commis-
sion Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the
Natchitoches Arts Center

Jan. 25—City Council Meeting,
5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches
Arts Center